

**Record of the Minutes of the
Beaumont Basin Committee Meeting of the
Beaumont Basin Watermaster
April 1, 2015**

Meeting Location:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
560 Magnolia Avenue
Beaumont, CA 92223

I. Call to Order

Member George Jorritsma called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

<i>City of Banning</i>	<i>Arturo Vela</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>City of Beaumont</i>	<i>Kyle Warsinski</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District</i>	<i>Eric Fraser</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>South Mesa Water Company</i>	<i>George Jorritsma</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Yucaipa Valley Water District</i>	<i>Joseph Zoba</i>	<i>Present</i>

Kyle Warsinski was present as the alternate representing the City of Beaumont in the absence of Member Dave Dillon. Arturo Vela was present as the alternate representing the City of Banning in the absence of Chairman Duane Burke. Keith McCullough was present representing legal counsel for the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

Members of the public who registered their attendance were: John Jeter, Ken Falls, Bill Dickson, Jan Kielmann, Tom Harder, Fran Flanders, Bob Wall, Pam Lindgren, Mary Ann Melleby, Jack Nelson and John Covington.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Fraser led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Public Comments At this time, members of the public may address the Beaumont Basin Watermaster on matters within its jurisdiction; however, no action or discussion may take place on any item not on the agenda. To provide comments on specific agenda items, please complete a Request to Speak form and provide that form to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Yan Kielmann from Highland Springs asked for clarification on new wells that are being planned that are outside the adjudicated area. He asked if the well owners had to pay for the water that they pump and, if the area of adjudication changes, would they then have to pay for water pumped.

Legal Counsel McCullough explained how the Watermaster has legal authority over the basin and that a well outside of the adjudication boundaries would not be subject to charges. Should the adjudicated area expand through a court order, formal notification is required and then their overlyer rights would be taken into consideration.

V. Consent Calendar

- a. Meeting Minutes
 - i. Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2015

Member Zoba motioned to approve consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Member Vela Fraser and passed 5-0.

VI. Reports

- a. Report from Engineering Consultant - Hannibal Blandon, ALDA Engineering

Engineer Blandon looked to the Committee for guidance on two issues. The first was a question of who would make the initial approach to properties where private wells would need to be accessed in order to install the water level recording devices. After discussion, the consensus was for ALDA Engineering to make the initial approach, seeking the properties' respective agencies if needed, with legal questions being forwarded to legal counsel. There is some funding to accommodate the engineering firm, but should the fees expected to exceed the funding, the matter will be brought back to the Committee for review.

The second question was to ask for direction over a discrepancy discovered with the production levels reported on 3 wells with Oak Valley Partners. There was consistent annual reporting on the production at the wells, but a brief discussion with the property owner revealed that only one well had limited use as nothing had been cultivated at the ranch for the last 15 years. ALDA Engineering will revise production tables in the 2014 annual report. The suggestions for creating an accumulated report that shows the most up to date production information and creating a Summary of changes report that lists all corrections over time will be implemented.

- b. Report from Legal Counsel - Keith McCullough, Alvarado Smith

Legal Counsel McCullough notified the Committee that the access agreements had been provided for review and that they were looking at the terminology of the judgement in regards to policies on return flow credits of supplemental water. No policies have been prepared yet.

VII. Discussion Items

- a. Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-01 Adopting the Final 2013 Reevaluation of the Beaumont Basin Safe Yield Report and Redetermination of the Safe Yield of the Beaumont Basin
[\[Memorandum No. 15-07, Page 10 of 15\]](#)

Recommendation: That the members of the Watermaster Committee adopt Resolution No. 2015-01 as presented.

Member Zoba motioned for the adoption of Resolution 2015-01 as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Fraser and passed 5-0.

Public Comment:

Judy Bingham questioned if there would be any regulation to uphold the safe yield since three times as much is being used. If there were any regulations, she asked for an explanation on

what could be done. The Committee will take her query under advisement and respond at a future meeting.

- b. Status Report on the Installation of Water Level Monitoring Equipment at Twelve (12) Sites in the Beaumont Basin [[Memorandum No. 15-08, Page 12 of 15](#)]

Recommendation: No recommendation.

Engineer Blandon reported the installation equipment took longer than expected to be delivered and would be installed by mid-April. A report on the water levels recorded will be made available by the next meeting.

Engineer Harder added that they have prepared a ground level data monitoring and data management plan to codify the method of data collection. Part of the management plan includes a report on quality assurance, quality control, and how data will be stored securely and made readily available.

- c. Correction of the Supplemental Water Recharge Allocation for Calendar Year 2013 [[Memorandum No. 15-09, Page 13 of 15](#)]

Recommendation: For informational purposes only.

Engineer Blandon explained the adjustment on the report as it annual report had changed from a fiscal year basis to a calendar basis. In 2013, the annual report gave appropriators full credit for the 16,000 AF of control overdraft that was part of the judgement but they should have been given credit for half. A schedule was provided to assist with the deduction from the running totals.

VIII. Topics for Future Meetings

- a. Recycled Water Recharge Policy
- b. Review of Draft 2014 Consolidated Annual Report

Member Jorritsma made the announcements above adding a recommendation request by the next meeting to address the public comment regarding the safe yield.

IX. Comments from the Watermaster Committee Members

No reports were made.

X. Announcements

- a. The next regular meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Member Jorritsma made the announcement above.

XI. Adjournment

Member Jorritsma adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.